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INCREASING URBAN RURAL DIVIDE .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the increasing economic and social disparity in urban and rural areas is giving rise to violent atmosphere;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether there are any proposals under the Eleventh Five Year Plan to deal with this situation;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The reasons for the constant widening of economic disparity between urban and rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a)& (b): Very little research exists in the area of economic and social disparities in the rural and urban areas and its link with violent atmosphere, and consequently little is known about such linkages..

(c) & (d): The Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been prepared. However, an Expert Group has been set up on `Development Issues to deal with Causes of Discontent, Unrest and Extremism` under the Chairmanship of Shri D. Bandopadhyay, Executive Chairman, Council for Social Development.

(e): Based on the information available from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (National Accounts Division), the per capita Net Domestic Product (NDP) for the urban areas worked out to be 2.32 times higher than in the rural area in 1980-81. The corresponding ratio was 2.34 for the year 1993-94. It is clear that there is no significant change in the rural-urban income ratios between 1980-81 and 1993-94. No information giving the rural-urban differences in income level is available after 1993-94.